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POULTON-LE-FYLDE
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



THE
ANNUAL REPORT
of the
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
and the
PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR
for
1962

POULTON-LE-FELDE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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May, 1962.

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Mr. Chairman, Lady, and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you the report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1962.

First the Statistics

Births. The 245 births registered constituted a pronounced rise on the 197 in the previous year. This gave a rise in the birth rate from 15.4 to 16.5 per thousand of the population. Poulton with its considerable housing growth of recent years has a good proportion of young married people in its population. The Infant Mortality Rate fell from 25.5 per thousand live births to 20.4. Although there was one more infant death than last year, calculated against the larger number of births already mentioned the lower figure for the Infant Mortality Rate is obtained. No women died in childbirth.

Deaths. There were 187 deaths compared with 159 in 1961. The Death Rate, adjusted for transfers in and out was 17.7 per thousand of population compared with 15.3 the previous year. Diseases of the Heart and Bloodvessels accounted for about 40% of the deaths, with malignant tumours a good second accounting for about 20%. Last year I mentioned lung cancer specially, and would draw attention again this year to the fact that 8 people (7 men and 1 woman) died from this complaint as against 6 last year. Again may I say that widely based statistics show that heavy cigarette smokers are thirty times more likely than others to contract this very grave disease.

Infectious Disease:- 1962 proved to be a year of Measles prevalence 242 cases being notified. This was the highest incidence in one year since 1957.

The year also gave us the largest outbreak of Sonne Dysentery during my term as your Medical Officer. There were in all, children and adults, 250 cases. This occurred in a Junior School and had been gaining ground for about three weeks before we heard of it. With this start on us a tremendous amount of work had to be done, for not only had we to deal with current cases, but found many children having got over their acute attack, back in school but still infectious and harbouring infection in their bowels. The report shows that home visiting in connection with infectious disease rose from 15 visits in 1961 to 2968 in 1962, a staggering rise due solely to this outbreak. Our Health Department Staff could have proved inadequate to cope had we not had help from County Council Health Visitors: some clerical volunteers: and out-of-hours help from the staff of a neighbouring Health Department. To all of these my sincere thanks, and particularly to Mr. I. Polhouse and John Hanson who showed unfailing good humour during a very exacting period.

To you, Mr. Chairman, and Members of the Committee my appreciation of your interest and support.

Yours faithfully,

C. Robertson Wilson

Medical Officer of Health.

Poulton-le-Wylde is bounded on the North by Thornton-Cleveleys Urban District, on the East and South by the Parishes of Singleton and Hardhorn-with-Newton and on the West by Blackpool County Borough.

The Council of the District is formed by three representatives from each of the following five wards:-

Poulton North	Hardhorn
Poulton East	Carleton
Poulton West	

The District is mainly residential, and most of the industrial population is employed by the Imperial Chemical Industries, the British Railway, building trades and in agriculture.

Estimated Population for mid 1962.	13,530
Population (1961 Census)	12,600
Number of inhabited houses according to the Rate book at the end of 1962.	4,854
Area of District in Acres	2,272
Rateable Value	£177,468
Sum represented by a penny rate	£710

BIRTHS

245 births were registered during the year. 132 males and 113 females. The birth rate was 16.5 per 1,000 population. There were 6 illegitimate births and 4 stillbirths.

Corrected birth rates of recent years were:-

<u>Year</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>No. of Births</u>
1958	15.3	173
1959	14.1	175
1960	16.2	220
1961	15.4	197
1962	16.5	245

Infantile Mortality Rate

	<u>Poulton-le- Fylde</u>	<u>England & Wales</u>
Infant Mortality Rate	20.4	21.4
Neo-natal Mortality Rate	20.4	15.1
Stillbirth Rate	16.1	18.1
Maternal Mortality Rate	NIL	0.35

Deaths

Total 187 Males 101 Females 86

The crude death rate was 13.8 per 1,000 population.

The adjusted death rate was 17.7 per 1,000 population.
(Comparability Factor 1.28)

Deaths and Death Rates of Recent Years

<u>Year</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Deaths</u>
1958	12.1	118
1959	14.5	145
1960	14.8	152
1961	15.3	159
1962	17.7	187

Age Groups

The table shows the arrangement of deaths in the age groups.

Age Group	Males	Females	Total
Under 1 year	3	2	5
1 - 5	-	-	-
6 - 15	-	-	-
16 - 25	-	-	-
26 - 35	1	-	1
36 - 45	6	3	9
46 - 55	9	3	12
56 - 65	17	14	31
66 - 75	35	22	57
76 - 85	21	32	53
86 - 95	9	10	19
Total	101	86	187

CAUSES OF DEATH

Cause of Death	Males	Females	Total	Total % of deaths.
Tuberculosis, respiratory	1	-	1	0.53
Tuberculosis, other forms	-	-	-	-
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	3	2	5	2.67
Malignant neoplasm, lung bronchus	7	1	8	4.24
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	5	5	2.67
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	1	1	0.53
Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms	10	9	19	10.24
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	-	1	1	0.53
Diabetes	1	-	1	0.53
Vascular lesions of nervous system	13	18	31	16.56
Coronary disease, angina	31	19	50	26.81
Hypertension with heart disease	-	-	-	-
Other circulatory diseases	4	2	6	3.20
Other heart diseases	9	13	22	11.84
Influenza	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	5	3	8	4.24
Bronchitis	3	1	4	2.12
Other diseases of respiratory system	1	2	3	1.59
Ulcer of stomach & duodenum	2	-	2	1.06
Nephritis & Nephrosis	1	-	1	0.53
Hyperplasia of prostate	2	-	2	1.06
Syphilitic disease	-	-	-	-
Other defined & ill defined diseases	3	7	10	5.34
Congenital Malformations	1	1	2	1.06
Suicide	3	-	3	1.59
Motor vehicle accidents	-	1	1	0.53
All other accidents	-	-	-	-
Homicide	1	-	1	0.53
Total	101	86	187	100.00

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

502 cases of infectious diseases were notified during the year as follows:-

Scarlet Fever: - 3 cases were notified. There were 3 cases in 1961.

Whooping Cough: - 2 cases occurred during 1962. 10 the previous year.

Acute Poliomyelitis: - None. 2 cases the previous year.

Measles: - There were 242 cases during 1962. 72 the previous year. A comparison of the following figures will show the incidence of the disease in the foregoing ten years.

1952	47 cases	1957	240 cases
1953	23 cases	1958	N o n e
1954	104 cases	1959	155 cases
1955	48 cases	1960	36 cases
1956	9 cases	1961	72 cases
	1962	242 cases	

Diphtheria

No cases were notified. None the previous year.

Dysentery

250 cases occurred during the year. 1 the previous year. A big outbreak of Sonne Dysentery occurred in a Junior School during the early part of the year. This entailed a great amount of visiting and clerical work and taxed the Health Department to its utmost.

Acute Pneumonia

No cases were notified. 1 the previous year.

Tuberculosis

At the close of 1962 there were 27 cases of pulmonary tuberculosis, and 3 cases of non-pulmonary, on the register.

There were 3 new cases of tuberculosis notified during the year.

The Regional Hospital Board is responsible mainly for the diagnosis and treatment of tuberculosis and the County Council for the prevention and control of the disease.

A Tuberculosis Health Visitor is employed by the County Council and Hospital and Chest Clinic facilities are provided by the Blackpool and Fylde Hospital Management Committee.

Erysipelas

2 cases were notified. 3 the previous year.

Control of Notifiable Infectious Diseases

A thorough investigation is made on the occurrence of a case of notifiable disease, and where necessary specimens of faeces and vomit are collected and forwarded to the Laboratory for analysis.

Disinfectant fluid is issued to cases of infectious diseases; and terminal disinfection by fumigation is carried out when necessary.

Infectious Disease Visits	2968
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Table of Cases of Notifiable Diseases 1962.

Notifiable Disease.	Total Cases at all ages	Age periods - years.								
		0-	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-25	Over 25
Scarlet Fever	3	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	2	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Measles	242	4	16	27	21	31	140	2	1	-
Dysentery	250	5	8	10	9	6	132	35	3	42
Erysipelas	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3

VITAL STATISTICS

LIVE BIRTHS

Number	245
Rate per 1,000 population	16.5
Illegitimate live births as a per cent of the total live births	2.4%

STILLBIRTHS

Number	4
Rate per 1,000 total live and stillbirths	16.1
Total live and stillbirths	249

INFANT DEATHS (Deaths under 1 year)

Infant Mortality Rates

Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births	24.8
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births (there were 3 deaths out of 239 legitimate live births)	12.5
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births (there were 2 deaths out of 6 illegitimate live births)	333.33
Perinatal mortality rate (stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and stillbirths)	28.1
Early neo-natal mortality rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)	12.2
Neo-natal mortality rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births)	20.4

MATERNAL MORTALITY (including abortion)

Number of deaths	N I L
Rate per 1,000 total live and stillbirths	N I L

BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION.

Facilities for the examination of material in suspected cases of Diphtheria, Dysentery, Typhoid Fever, Tuberculosis, Food Poisoning etc., are available to all Medical Practitioners at Blackpool Victoria Hospital, Elswick Sanatorium, and the Public Health Laboratory, Preston.

Clinic and Treatment Centres

There are no clinic or treatment centres directly under the control of the Local Authority.

The clinic in Princess Avenue, Poulton-le-Fylde, was in use during 1962. School clinic sessions were held weekly on Thursday and a child welfare session every Tuesday by the School and Child Welfare Department of the Lancashire County Council.

HOSPITALS.

There is no hospital situated in the District.

General cases are admitted to Blackpool Victoria and Wesham Park Hospitals, of the Blackpool and Fylde Hospital Management Committee, and the Preston Royal Infirmary of the Preston and Chorley Hospital Management Committee.

The Devonshire Road Hospital, Blackpool, is used for infectious disease cases; tuberculosis cases use the Elswick Sanatorium, and smallpox cases go to the Ainsworth Smallpox Hospital near Bury, which is under the management of the Manchester Regional Hospital Board.

Ambulance Facilities.

The Lancashire County Council administers the ambulance service.

The nearest ambulance station is at Thornton and ambulances for Poulton-le-Fylde are obtained either from this station or from Fleetwood.

At Thornton an ambulance dual purpose vehicle and car are on call; an ambulance and car are available at Fleetwood.

The service is maintained on a 24 hour basis throughout the year.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT 1948 - SECTION 47

There were no applications for removal during 1962.

MEDICAL STAFF OF THE CLINIC

Dr. O. A. Prosser.	Assistant Divisional Medical Officer, Lancashire County Council.
Miss L. Gilbert.	Health Visitor and School Nurse.
Miss R. Shaw.	Health Visitor and School Nurse.
Miss P. Worden.	Health Visitor and School Nurse.
Mrs. J. H. Mallandaine, 30, Moorway, Poulton-le-Fylde. Tel: 3528	Midwife.
Mrs. R. A. Ronson, 18, Fylde Road, Poulton-le-Fylde. Tel: 2529	District Nurse.
Miss. M. Beswick, 27, Wembley Avenue, Poulton-le-Fylde. Tel: 2986	District Nurse.

WATER SUPPLY

The Fylde Water Board, of which Poulton-le-Fylde is a constituent authority, provides a plentiful and excellent supply of water from their gathering grounds at Grisedale and Stocks.

During 1962 new connections were made to 200 new houses and flatlets from public mains supply.

A total of 4996 houses was supplied from public mains at the end of the year.

Only one house in the town obtains water from a private supply.

Sampling

44 samples of water were taken, for examination at the Public Health Laboratory, these were obtained from various addresses about the town.

32 of the samples were satisfactory. 12 unsatisfactory.

HOUSING CONDITIONS

The standard of housing in the town is good, the district having a high proportion of new properties. A number of the older houses are unfit and will require attention under the Housing Acts.

The majority of minor housing defects discovered were remedied by informal action.

Overcrowding

Some overcrowding of dwellings occurred in the District, and the Council rehoused three families where overcrowding existed.

Approximately 150 applicants were on the waiting list for Council houses; two thirds of these were for 2 or 3 bedroomed houses and one third for bungalows.

Private Buildings

During the year 199 houses and 1 flat were erected and more families from outside areas became resident in Poulton-le-Fylde.

Dwellings Erected during 1962

WARDS

NORTH			EAST			WEST			CARLETON			HARDHORN			TOTAL
H.	F.	B.	H.	F.	B.	H.	F.	B.	H.	F.	B.	H.	F.	B.	
-	-	10	1	-	4	6	-	23	6	1	56	57	-	66	200

DRAINAGE & SEWERAGE

The Carleton Relief Sewer was substantially completed during the year.

SUMMARY OF REPORT

<u>Population</u>	...	...	...	...	13,530 an increase of 750 on the population figure for 1961.
<u>Births</u>	...	...	...	...	245 births registered.
Birth Rate	...	...	...	...	16.5 per 1,000 population.
Average England and Wales	...	...	...	...	18.0 per 1,000 population.
<u>Deaths</u>	...	...	...	...	187 deaths registered.
Death Rate	...	...	...	...	17.7 per 1,000 population.
Average England and Wales	...	...	...	...	11.9 per 1,000 population.
<u>Infectious Diseases</u>	...	...	...	...	502 cases of infectious diseases were notified. Outbreaks of Dysentery and Measles.
<u>Housing</u>	...	...	...	...	200 new houses and flats erected.
<u>Water Supply</u>	...	...	...	...	44 samples obtained.
<u>Sewerage</u>	...	...	...	...	Carleton Relief Sewer substantially completed.

Public Health Department,
Town Hall,
Poulton-le-Fylde.

Mr. Chairman Lady & Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting the Report of the Public Health Inspector for 1962.

The 8 houses comprising the Higher Green No 1 Clearance Area were demolished during the year, and rehousing of families in the No. 2 Area continued, as accommodation became available.

47 milk samples were forwarded to the Public Health Laboratory, 8 of which were unsatisfactory. In 5 of these cases, where the milk was not heat treated arrangements were made by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries & Food to visit the farms concerned.

During the earlier part of the year an exceptional outbreak of Dysentery involved the Department in work, to the exclusion of almost all other duties. 1518 specimens were collected from Dysentery cases and forwarded to the Public Health Laboratory, and a further 305 specimens were obtained from suspected but unconfirmed cases.

The co-operation between the Department and School staffs, the Public Health Laboratory, General Medical Practitioners, and the general public made a hard task so much easier; and I wish to add my thanks to those of the Medical Officer of Health, to those who actively assisted during this period.

Inspections of local meat supplies once again necessitated daily attendance at the private slaughterhouses. The alterations at the two premises were delayed by the severe winter weather, but by this time, the improvements and higher standards required by the new regulations are completed.

I thank the Chairman and members of the Health Committee for their continued support during 1962, and members of the Town Hall Staff for co-operation.

In the Health Department during this busy year, I have been fortunate in having a **loyal** assistant in Mr. John Hanson, who worked willingly and well, when the need was greatest.

Yours faithfully,

J. A. Lofthouse

Public Health Inspector

I N S P E C T I O N O F T H E D I S T R I C T

Sanitary Inspections

4578 visits were made to 680 premises during 1962.

5 defects or nuisances were discovered and 10 abated; it was necessary to serve 3 informal notices and 2 abatement notices. Proceedings were instituted against one owner who failed to comply with a notice. The Court made a Nuisance Order requiring completion of the work in six months.

WORK CARRIED OUT AS A RESULT OF FORMAL OR INFORMAL ACTION

Roofs repaired	...	...	...	...	...	1
Eaves gutters renewed or repaired...	...					5
Yards repaved...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Re-pointing of brickwork	...	...	...			1
Doors repaired	...	...	...	...	...	1
Drains cleared	...	...	...	...	...	1

Sanitary Accommodation

The following list shows the numbers and types of the various sanitary arrangements in the district at the 31st December, 1962 and those for the previous year.

	1962	1961
Water Closets	5372	5172
Pail Closets	6	8
Privies	4	4
Movable Dustbins	5350	5066
Waste Water Closets	N I L	N I L

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

The Cleansing Service is under the control of the Engineer and Surveyor who supplied the following information.

Collection of Refuse

This was effected by means of two vehicles, one working full time and the other three days per week.

A weekly collection of refuse was undertaken.

Disposal

Refuse was taken to the Council's tip at Skippool Marsh and deposited. A workman controlled and levelled the tipping, by tractor.

The scheme of land reclamation on the river bank, by filling in an area of land, behind an embankment with domestic refuse, was in operation during the year.

During 1962 approximately 5,160 dustbins were emptied every week.

Details of Service

Total number of bins emptied	268,353
Weight of refuse collected	4,386
Cost for collection and disposal	£ 9,454
Weight of salvage sold	169
Value	£ 1,193

(cost of baling £ 966)

Road Sweeping

The Council's workmen swept approximately 504 miles of highway during the year.

RODENT AND INSECT PESTS

One trained operative is employed, part-time on the eradication of rats and mice; various methods are used and such poisons as zinc phosphide, arsenic and warfarin are laid as baits.

INSPECTIONS AND TREATMENTS UNDERATKEN

Type of premises	Number of Inspections	Number of Treatment visits
Dwelling Houses	80	238
Business premises	22	124
Local Authority property	12	92
Agricultural property	42	74
Total.	156	528

DISINFESTATION.

The infestations dealt with during the year were for cockroaches, flies, fleas, ants and wasps.

D.D.T. in liquid, powder or smoke form were all used with good results and follow up treatments were not found to be necessary.

DISINFESTATION VISITS (INSECT PESTS)

Number of houses found to be infested.....	31
Number of houses disinfested.....	31

HOUSING.

Number of new houses erected by private contractors
during the year 200

Number of houses erected by Local Authority -

1. Inspection of Dwelling Houses

(a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected ... 62

(b) Number of inspections made 108

(c) Dwelling houses unfit for human habitation
and not capable at reasonable expense of
being made fit.

Number found during year 20

Number existing at end of year 19

(d) Dwelling houses not in all respects reasonably
fit for habitation but capable of being made
fit 24

Houses Demolished or Closed

	Houses Demolished	Displaced during year.	
		Persons	Families
<u>In clearance areas</u>			
(a) Houses unfit for habitation	8	7	2
(b) Houses included for bad arrangement.	-	-	-
<u>Not in clearance areas</u>			
(c) As a result of formal or informal procedure under Sec. 17 Housing Act, 1967	2	3	2
	Houses Closed		
Houses closed under Housing Act, Sec. 16(4), 17(1) & 35(1)	-	-	-

3. Unfit Houses made fit and Houses in which Defects were Remedied.

- (a) After informal action by Local Authority ... 3
 (b) After formal notice under Public Health Acts 2

4. Purchase of Houses by Agreement.

	No. of Houses	No. of occupants in houses
Houses in clearance areas	-	-

5. Improvement Grants.

Action During Year	No. Schemes	No. Houses affected.
(a) Submitted by private individuals to Local Authority	1	1
(b) Approved by Local Authority	1	1
(c) Submitted by Local Authority to Ministry	-	-
(d) Finally approved by Ministry	-	-
(e) Work completed	1	1

6. Standard Grants

Action During Year	No. Schemes	No. Houses affected.
(a) Submitted to Local Authority	5	5
(b) Approved by Local Authority	5	5
(c) Work completed	7	7

7. Certificates of Disrepair.

Number of applications made	2
Number of Certificates issued	1
Applications made for the Cancellation of Certificates	N I L

HOUSING INSPECTIONS

Certificates of Disrepair	5
Improvement Grants	82
Demolition Orders	3
Housing Visits	17
Temporary Dwellings	18
Council House Visits	-
Overcrowding Visits	-

CAMPING SITES

9 sites were used for camping purposes, housing an estimated maximum number of 605 persons in 213 caravans and tents, of these 9 sites 3 were licensed by the Council and were subject to licensing conditions. 2 individual licences, were issued.

Inspections of Caravan Sites	60
Visits to temporary dwellings	18

FOOD INSPECTION

Food Inspection

The following foodstuffs found to be unfit, were surrendered for disposal:-

	<u>lbs</u>	<u>ozs</u>
1 tin Corned Beef	6	0
1 tin Pork Luncheon Meat	2	0
1 tin Chopped Pork	4	0
1 tin Pressed Ham	4	0
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	16	0
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Meat Inspection

There was a **slight** decrease in the number of animals examined during 1962, compared with the year before. This figure nevertheless is high for an authority of the size of Poulton-le-Fylde. It was necessary during 1962 to carry out meat inspection duties in the evenings, on Saturdays and on Sundays.

The number of animals inspected from the date of decontrol is shown:-

<u>Year</u>	<u>No. of animals killed and inspected</u>
1954	1693
1955	3154
1956	6482
1957	6857
1958	7039
1959	7462
1960	8509
1961	10292
1962	10164

Carcases Inspected and Condemned.

	Cattle excluding cows	Cows	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Calves	Total
No. of animals killed and inspected	385	272	6505	2892	110	10164
<u>All Diseases Except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</u>						
Whole Carcases Condemned	-	2	10	6	2	20
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	29	65	176	577	3	850
Percentage of No. inspected affected with diseases other than tuberculosis or cysticerci	7.5%	24.6%	2.8%	20.1%	4.5%	8.5%
<u>Tuberculosis</u>						
Whole Carcases Condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	1	-	29	-	30
Percentage of No. inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	0.3%	-	1.0%	-	0.29%
<u>Cysticercosis</u>						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-	-

During the year the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries & Food invited claims from Local Authorities for monetary awards where the number of animals inspected exceeded the quantity required for consumption in the Authority's own District.

An application was made on behalf of the Council and a sum of £56 - 7s. - 10d. was due for 1962.

Slaughterhouse Visits (meat inspection duties)	850
Number of animals slaughtered and inspected	10,164
Weight of meat rejected as unfit	2 tons 9 cwt 3 qrs 2 lbs

Slaughtering Licenses

At the 31st December, 1962 10 licenses had been issued by the Council enabling their holders to slaughter animals.

Milk Supply

There were 18 distributors of milk registered by the Council at the end of 1962: and they operated from the following premises:-

Dairies in the District	3
Shops in the District	15

The Lancashire County Council are now the responsible Authority for the issue of Licenses to sell Designated milk, this duty having been transferred from the Urban District Council.

Milk Sampling

47 Samples of milk were obtained, locally, during the year, the following table shows the results.

Type of milk	Results	Failed to pass test
Tuberculin Tested	10 Satisfactory	5
Pasteurised	16 Satisfactory	None
Tuberculin Tested	8 Satisfactory	3
Pasteurised		
Sterilised	5 Satisfactory	None

Where samples of milk fail to pass the statutory tests, the matter is taken up with the producer or dairy and repeat samples obtained.

In the event of the Producer being in another District, the result is passed on to the Public Health Officer for that area, and to the Area Milk Officer of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, who are able to sample at the source.

Sampling.

The Food and Drugs Authority for the Poulton-le-Fylde Area is the Lancashire County Council, and the following information has been kindly supplied by Dr. S. C. Gawne, County Medical Officer of Health.

A total of 77 samples was obtained, consisting of 45 samples of milk (6 of which were Channel Islands Milk) and 22 others comprising:-

1 Dried milk powder	1 Blancmange powder
1 Tapioca	2 Cake decorations, edible
1 Ice-cream	1 Oatmeal
1 Cornflour	1 Vegetables, dehydrated
1 Ammoniated mercury ointment	1 Self raising flour
2 Glaubers salt B.P. B.P.	2 Jelly tablets
1 Sterilised cream	1 Sweetmeats
1 Ice lolly	2 Bicarbonate of soda
1 Jam	1 Double cream

All the above samples proved to be genuine.

Food Premises visited

Bakchouse	1
Ice-cream Manufacturers	4
Fried Fish Shops	6
Butchers' Shop	1

Registrations.

2 food shops were registered during the year for the sale and storage of ice-cream.

The total number of registered premises was:-

5 Fried Fish Shops.
7 Preserved food businesses.
1 Ice-cream Manufacturer.
34 Ice-cream retailers.

SHOP INSPECTIONS

10 inspections were made under the Shops Acts;
informal action only was necessary to remedy contraventions

FACTORIES

Inspections

Premises	Number on Register.	Number of Inspections	Number of written notices
Factories in which Sec. 1, 2,3,4, & 6, are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	2	850	-
Factories not included in the above in which Sec. 7, is enforced by the Local Authority	49	23	-
Other premises in which Sec. 7, is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers premises)	10	9	-
Total	61	882	-

Cases in which Defects were found

Particulars	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H. M. Inspec.	By H. M. Inspec.	No. of Prosec
Want of cleanliness	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Sanitary Conveniences</u>					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
(d) Other offences	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS

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Housing Inspections	17
Housing Inspections (Improvement Grants)	82
Housing Inspections (Temporary Dwellings)	18
Housing Inspections (Demolition Orders)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Housing Inspections (Certificate of Disrepair)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Housing Survey	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Visits to houses re suitability for improvement	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	90
Visits to applicants for Council houses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Slaughterhouse Visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	850
Food Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Visits to Food Premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Butcher's Shop Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Ice-cream Manufacturers Visited	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Fried Fish Shops Visited	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Bakehouse	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Water Samples Taken	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	44
Milk Samples Taken	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	47
Ice-cream Samples Taken	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Complaints Investigated and Visits made in connection therewith	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	120
Revisits to premises previously inspected	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
Caravan Sites Visited	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	60
Suspected Food Poisoning Visit	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Interviews	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	48
Piggery Visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	23
Disinfestation Visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	31
Drainage Visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18
Drain Tests	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Visits to Public Conveniences	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Factory Visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	882
Poultry Farm Visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Watercourse Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Poultry Dressing Establishment	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Tip Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Infectious Disease Visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,968
Public Health Laboratory	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Number of specimens collected from cases of dysentery	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,518
Number of specimens collected from suspected but unconfirmed cases	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	305

